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For: SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS OF  
LIGHTER-THAN-AIR (LTA) PLATFORMS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-10 and 34-37, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.